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1. IN THURSDAY MEETING WITH GOA, EMBASSY SHOULD TAKE
PAINS TO SET AUSTRIANS' MIND AT EASE WITH RESPECT TO
QUESTION OF INTERPRETATION OF RIGHTS AVAILABLE UNDER
US-GOA AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT. WE HAVE NOT CLAIMED
THAT BILATERAL WOULD PERMIT US IN EXISTING CIRCUMSTANCES
TO OPERATE VIENNA-BERLIN TURNAROUND SERVICE. ON
CONTRARY, OUR NOTE OF APRIL 9 ACKNOWLEDGES THAT US
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AIRLINES HAVE RIGHTS ONLY TO OPERATE TO VIENNA VIA

BERLIN, BUT THAT, BECAUSE OF OPERATIONAL DIFFICULTIES INHERENT IN GEOGRAPHY OF BERLIN, WE ARE ASKING GOA FOR PERMISSION TO EXERCISE THOSE RIGHTS IN BROADER MANNER THAN ENVISIONED BY THE AGREEMENT. IN SUM, WE AGREE THAT GOA INTERPRETATION OF AGREEMENT IS CORRECT; OUR HOPE IS THAT GOA WILL FIND IT IN ITS OWN INTERESTS TO ACCOMMODATE OUR REQUEST FOR THIS ADDITIONAL BUT LIMITED AUTHORITY. IN THIS REGARD, EMBASSY SHOULD STRESS POINTS MADE IN REF E, PARTICULARLY REGARDING (1) PAN AM'S REALLOCATION OF CAPACITY AND (2) RECIPROCITY FOR RIGHTS GRANTED TO AVA AT WEST BERLIN.

2. WE ARE PERPLEXED BY GOA CITATION OF "SIXTH FREEDOM" PROBLEM, (REF B, PARA 2) BUT DO NOT WISH TO CONTEST IT. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT ISSUE STEMS FROM MARQUET'S REFERENCE TO "NEW SERVICE BY FOREIGN CARRIER FROM AUSTRIA TO THIRD COUNTRY..." (REF B, PARA 4). IF SO, EMBASSY SHOULD POINT OUT SPECIAL STATUS OF BERLIN AS REMAINING UNDER OCCUPATION BY ALLIED POWERS, STRESSING BERLIN IS NOT "THIRD COUNTRY". PERHAPS SUCH EXPLANATION WOULD MAKE IT EASIER FOR GOA TO AUTHORIZE PROPOSED SERVICE UNDER PRESENT AGREEMENT OR BY OTHER MEANS SUCH AS EXCHANGE OF NOTES OR SIMPLE ORAL AUTHORIZATION TO COVER AT LEAST TRIAL PERIOD.

3. EMBASSY MAY INFORM GOA THAT CAB PROBABLY WILL ANNOUNCE WITHIN THREE WEEKS DECISION ON ONA APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO DRY LEASE AIRCRAFT TO AAT AND AUTHORITY TO ASSIGN US CITIZEN AS MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR TO AAT.

4. EMBASSY MAY WISH TO REMIND GOA OFFICIALS THAT MAJOR FLAW IN ORIGINAL ONA-AAT WET LEASE APPLICATION WAS THE MISREPRESENTATION MADE TO US CAB BY AAT, AND THAT ONA AND AAT SUBSEQUENTLY ABANDONED THE PROJECT. EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO STRESS TO GOA THAT IT IS USG AND NOT PAN AM WHICH IS REQUESTING ASSISTANCE OF GOA IN ARRANGING NEW BERLIN-VIENNA SERVICE. FINALLY, EMBASSY SHOULD EXPLAIN THAT WE ARE WORKING FOR AMICABLE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DISPOSITION OF ONA/AAT APPLICATION AND WOULD HOPE AUSTRIANS WOULD SHOW SIMILAR ATTITUDE TOWARD PROPOSED BERLIN-VIENNA SERVICE. RUSH

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